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THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1892.

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Hongkong, 17th February, 1892. [18]

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Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

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Hongkong, 31st March, 1892. [514]

THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

ASSETS OVER \$3,000,000.

Policies absolutely non-forfeitable.

No restrictions as to Residence or Travelling.

Rates of premium low.

Policies issued on all approved Forms.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents for Hongkong.

23rd February, 1892. [140]

NOTICE

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 7, OFFICE ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [149]

GENERAL NOTICE

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000; £333,333.33.

RESERVE FUND £318,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEX SHIN, Esq.,
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MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE: 5 & 6, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [179]

Intimations.

NOTICE

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL MEETING.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the Rooms of the Chamber, City Hall, at 4.30 P.M., on FRIDAY, the 8th April, in place of Friday, the 25th March, as previously advertised.

F. HENDERSON, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd March 1892. [153]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE SHORT RANGE Subscription Handicap will be shot for on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at 2.45 p.m. Ranges—500 and 600 yards.

ED. ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd March 1892. [140]

AN APOLOGY.

THE PROSECUTION OF THE OPIUM FARMER.

I BEG to express through your columns my deep regret that I should in a hasty moment, in consequence of my not being able to read or understand Chinese accounts, have commenced a prosecution against Mr. KOH CHENG SEAN, the chief manager of the late Opium Farm, with reference to the funds of the CHEANG TEK KONG SEE. A complete investigation into the matter and a careful examination of the books and accounts have thoroughly convinced me that my suspicions were wholly groundless, and that there has been nothing whatever in Mr. KOH CHENG SEAN'S management of the business of the OPIUM FARM that is in any way reprehensible; and further, that he has all along been doing his best, honestly and faithfully, for the benefit of the CHEANG TEK KONG SEE.

I should be obliged if you would insert this letter in your correspondence column once, and afterwards as an advertisement for the period of one month, as I am anxious to undo as far as possible any injury I may have, through my hasty and unjustifiable action, inflicted upon Mr. KOH CHENG SEAN.

Your truly,

OH TEK LEONG.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1892. [148]

NOTICE

THE UNDERSIGNED, having removed his residence to No. 90, WELLINGTON STREET, all CLAIMS against him personally, or against the CHEANG TEK KONGSEE (the late OPIUM FARM), as well as all papers and correspondence, should be sent to the above address.

KOH CHENG SEAN.

Hongkong, 29th February, 1892. [153]

MISS STOLZ.

MANICURE, CHIROPODIST AND MASSAGE.

No. 8, COLLEGE CHAMBERS, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1892. [190]

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WATERBURY WATCHES

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GENTLEMEN'S J SERIES @ \$4.75 EACH.

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1891. [1102]

SIEN TING,

SURGEON DENTIST.

No. 10, D'AGUIAR STREET.

TERMS VERY MODERATE.

Consultation free.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1892. [138]

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FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP

AND MODERATE FEES.

M^r WONG TAI-FONG,

(Formerly attended Apprentice, and latterly assistant to Dr. ROBERTS), HAS REMOVED TO

THE BANK BUILDINGS,

QUEEN'S ROAD,

(above Messrs. Debs Bros. of China, Ld.).

CONSULTATION FREE.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1891. [109]

Intimations.

THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,

"Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.

TELEPHONE,

No. 32.

PROPRIETORS—THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communication.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour adjoins the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES AND SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER, Manager.

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Hongkong, 12th February, 1892.

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HOUSE LAMPS, STREET LAMPS, VERANDAH LAMPS, SHIPS' LAMPS, CHANDELIERS, 3, 4 or 5-Light, Single and Double BRACKET LAMPS, TABLE LAMPS, READING LAMPS, BEDROOM & NURSERY LAMPS, WINDPROOF LAMPS, SAFETY LAMPS, SHIPS' SALOON, CABIN, ENGINE ROOM and BULKHEAD LAMPS, SPECIAL CARGO LAMPS, CHAIR LAMPS, CARRIAGE and JINRIKSHA LAMPS, HAND LAMPS and LANTERNS, GLOBES, CHIMNEYS, WICKS, SPARE BURNERS, FOUNTAINS, &c.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1892.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. [19]

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SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, NAUTICAL, ELECTRICAL and ENGINEERING.

SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, HAND-TOOLS and DRAWING INSTRUMENTS.

CARMICHAEL & CO. LTD.

18, Praya Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1892. [42]

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As an excellent Table Water?

For General Debility?

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Takuradruka Natural Mineral Water, Bottled at Takuradruka near Kobe, Japan. Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty throughout the East. Testimonials can be seen on application.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1892. [10]

CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD., Agents for Hongkong.

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"THREE CASTLE" CIGARETTES in patent air-tight tins of 50.

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All our TOBACCOES and CIGARETTES are guaranteed absolutely fresh and will be exchanged if found otherwise.

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1892. [16]

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GENTLEMEN'S

FELT AND STRAW HATS.

TIES, SCARVES, COLLARS, SHIRTS, VESTS, SOCKS, DRAWERS, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1892. [19]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE

I HAVE this day returned business in this Colony as GENERAL BROKER and COMMISSION AGENT under the Firm or style of SOARES & Co.

A. F. J. SOARES.

Hongkong, 22nd March 1892. [135]

NOTICE

WE have this day authorized Mr. CARL WILHELM LONGUET to sign our Firm per procuration.

KRUSE & Co.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1892. [170]

NOTICE

THE style of the Firm of POATE & NOBLE, DENTAL SURGEONS, has been changed to "Dr. J. W. NOBLE," and will be represented as under:—

JOSEPH W. NOBLE Hongkong and Singapore.

HERBERT D. ROQUA

CHAS. L. SNYDER

HERBERT POATE 15, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, London, W. [170]

NOTICE

MR. EDMUND THOMAS BOND was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1892.

DEACON & CO.

Canton, 11th March, 1892. [109]

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above named Lodge will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m., precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1892. [144]

ZETLAND LODGE,

No. 525.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 29th March, at 8.30 for 9 p.m., precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1892. [145]

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the Victoria Preceptory will be held on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m., precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1892. [149]

To be Let.

TO LET.

FIRST FLOOR, No. 64, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, suitable for OFFICES.

Apply to Messrs. G. FALCONER & Co.

or LAI HING & Co.,

No. 113, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1892. [147]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO LET.

NO. 9, 12, & 14, KNUTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1892. [142]

"STOLZENFELS" on R. B. Lot No. 47.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1892. [141]

TO LET.

NO. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

"TUSCULUM" MAGAZINE GAP, Nos. 2 & 10, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1892. [13]

TO LET.

FROM 1ST APRIL.

"STILLINGFLETE."

FIVE ROOMED detached HOUSE on Peak Road near the Albany.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1892. [125]

For Sale.

ONE BOX OF CLARKE'S BAY PILLS

For Sale.

IMPORTANT INTIMATION.

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The various Governments and Municipal Corporations, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, Professional men and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter, upon forms specially sent for that purpose so as to ensure accuracy. The Naval and Military portions have been taken from the latest published official lists and verified at Headquarters; in fact, no pains have been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a handy and perfectly reliable book of reference for all classes.

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There is not space in the compass of an Ordinary Advertisement to detail all the information introduced into the work, but it may be fairly asserted that no such Directory has ever been published, either in Hongkong or any other part of the East, at such a low price.

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Intimations.

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In ordering it is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

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A. Allie Duro, good quality, Green Capsule.....	\$10	\$1.00
B. Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule.....	12	1.10
C. Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule.....	14	1.25
D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled).....	18	1.50

SHERRIES.

A. Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule.....	6	0.60
B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule.....	7.50	0.75
C. Mansfield, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule.....	10	1.00
CC Superior Old Dry Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule.....	10	1.10
D. Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old Wine, White Seal Capsule.....	12	1.10
E. Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled).....	14	1.25

CLARETS.

A. Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule.....	4	\$4.50
B. St. Estephe, Red Capsule.....	4.50	5.00
C. St. Julien, Red Capsule.....	7	7.50
D. La Rose, Red Capsule.....	11	12.00

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FULL PARTICULARS OF THE VARIOUS BRANDS IN STOCK ON APPLICATION.

BRANDY.

A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule.....	\$13	\$1.20
B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule.....	15	1.40
C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule.....	20	1.75
D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 875 Vintage, Red Capsule.....	30	2.50

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A. Thorne's Blend, White Capsule.....	8	0.75
B. Watson's Glenlivet Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark.....	8	0.75
C. Watson's Aboulay-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark.....	8	0.75
D. Watson's H. K. D Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whisky, Violet Capsule.....	10	1.00
E. Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule.....	12	1.10

IRISH WHISKY.

A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule.....	8	0.75
B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	10	1.00
C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	12	1.10
Genuine Bourbon Whisky, fine old, Red Capsule, with Name.....	10	1.00

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A. Fine Old Tom, White Capsule.....	4.50	0.40
B. Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule.....	4.50	0.40
C. Fine A. V. H. Geneva.....	5.50	0.50

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Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule.....	12	1.20
Good Liqueur Island.....	\$1.50	per Gallon.

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Benedictine.....	Maraschino.....
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1892.

THE RAJAH'S PLATTINGS.

Active minds usually find active occupation for their spare time in pursuing some hobby or other, the choice of which is often eminently characteristic of the man. Those hobbies, which while sufficiently fascinating in themselves are at the same time sources of profit, naturally elicit the most enthusiastic devotion from their followers. Probably the ideal amusement of a great mind is the game of chess with human pieces—not that foolery in which the human pieces dress themselves to resemble the ivory originals and then skip about on a tennis-lawn with band accompaniment, but the Bismarck game of real life, which one player alone directs, playing off human figures against each other, while they know nothing of his presiding genius, but fondly imagine they are moving of their own free will. That is the human chess game, the highest of all pastimes, played only by clever men. RAJAH FRANCIS, Q.C., of Hongkong, is a clever man, and plays the game well. So unflinching is his success in setting one against another among the people of this Colony, from Governors and other high officials downwards, in working them dexterously for his own purposes, picking them up, holding them in his hand, throwing them down, smashing them against each other, and generally fooling them all round without their ever suspecting it—so remarkable is his success in Hongkong that we would like to see how he would fare in a wider field, with bigger game. Whatever be his faults, Mr. FRANCIS certainly has shown himself to be the ablest manipulator of the Hongkong puppet-strings, the subtle, Jesuitical jester who does just what he likes with men, who humbugs the Government, toys with the judicial luminaries as a dog-fancier with his own pet pups, or like a juggler with so many gilded balls of emptiness, tosses them lightly and easily from hand to hand, or up in the air, and then, contemptuously, shoves them all together in a basket and puts them away, to make room for something serious. So well does he succeed here, that it would be interesting to see him at this game in the great world, away from our tiny tea-cup Colony, out in the open, among real men engaged in real work. But he is clever enough to leave that alone.

About a month ago a Chinaman went to a local attorney's firm on special business. He was in a partnership concern, and he hated one of his partners, whom he would like to injure, and thought the time was now come; the partnership was about to dissolve, and almost every Chinese partnership presents at least *prima facie* appearances of something being wrong, either in the peculiarly Celestial irregularity of the book-keeping system, or the usual confusion of private and partnership accounts, or some of the innumerable aliphoid transactions always characteristic of Chinese firms; somehow, said this Chinaman, the hated partner might be made to appear guilty of fraud. Anyhow it was worth trying. The lawyer consulted, though not a budding COLERIDGE, still knew sufficient to be aware that this was no case, that before proceedings could be commenced it was necessary to find out if there was any evidence, and that in England any solicitor would be struck off the rolls for taking up a case on bare suspicion, which, as in this instance, was directly stimulated by personal spite. He knew that, but he knew further that this was not England, not even a dependency thereof in anything but the name; so he put all that aside, and came to look at the question of money. Oh, yes, there was plenty of money in the business. All right, then, go ahead! As he informed his client, there was not much doubt that the partner aforesaid was perfectly honest throughout, but things looked a bit mixed, and with a capable lawyer on the job it might be made to look serious. A "capable lawyer" meant more money, and so the confiding Chinaman was no doubt mulcted considerably as the first step. Then Mr. FRANCIS was retained, as being the one man in all the Colony who can be relied on to secure a conviction against an innocent man. Consultations were held (at \$25 a time, cash in advance) and Mr. FRANCIS said he thought there was a good case, and he would be willing to take it up. Of course, he must have known all the time that it was not a good case, that there was no evidence whatever to establish the serious crime of embezzlement. But FRANCIS Q.C. has no particularly delicate scruples as to clients' characters, moral or otherwise, or their cases, and perhaps he is quite right; they all bring in paying

business, and so he said this case was good and he would take it. Every day in Court, \$75, please—oh, thank you. So the rascally Chinese was induced to believe he had a strong case; he proceeded to swear an information, and his partner, the trusted manager of the firm, was arrested. The case came before the Magistrate, occupied the Court about seven days (spread out over three weeks) and then—Mr. FRANCIS blandly threw it up. He had had his little joke, had amused himself a few hours, had trifled with the Magistrate, had toyed with English justice, had made a good deal of money, and he was well satisfied to back out of it, when there was no more fun nor money to be got. The Magistrate, a poor overworked official, anxious only about his holidays, was glad enough to make an end of the farce, without caring what more ought to be done. Mr. WISE is great at leaving things undone and unnoticed. What did it matter that so many people had been kept waiting so much time to suit RAJAH FRANCIS, that Our Only Q.C. had committed a gross breach of legal morality (paradoxical expression, by the way)—what did it matter that everybody cried shame? Allah is great, but not a patch on the RAJAH.

It was much the same when the Share Bill was introduced last year. Mr. FRANCIS, Q.C., was retained; he took the brokers in hand, like so many oranges, sweet and soft; he made a long speech in the Legislative Council, he got his big fee, and then he threw them away. It was the same in years gone by, when the Chinese Government and the Hongkong marionettes were negotiating a treaty; Mr. FRANCIS took the Chinese in one hand and the feeble Hongkong Government in the other; and jammed their heads together until he had got what he wanted—his "Q. C." for services rendered. And each Government congratulated itself on having obtained the valuable aid of Mr. FRANCIS against the other! And still he is pursuing the even tenor of his way. He goes on "assisting" the Government, drafting bills and other documents, smiling and smirking, and pulling the strings. Individually, every man in the Colony knows what a slippery person he is, even for a lawyer; yet it would seem that, collectively, the whole Colony worships him as an unmitigated saint. But perhaps we are unjust; perhaps after all he is not evil-minded; perhaps all these things have in his mind borne a perfectly innocent and virtuous aspect. It is not impossible. He may have really believed Mr. KOK CHANG SEAN was a swindler; he may have thought MINIHNETT an innocent and injured man; he may have believed he was doing good service to his employers in the Share Bill business; he may have imagined himself to have fairly and squarely earned his Queen's Counselship. Yes, after all, it is unjust to condemn him. We apologise, and withdraw all we have said. We must admit that he is an upright and conscientious man. Still, how is his action in the Opium Farm prosecution explained? How is it that he had to tell the magistrate several times that he had not investigated the books, nor as yet tried to get evidence? How was it that he had absolutely nothing to support his case, and that as soon as the trial had gone far enough for proof to be necessary, it had to be ignominiously dropped? After asserting in his opening address that he would prove by sworn testimony that defendant had got over \$10,000 which he had not accounted for, after loftily claiming to represent the whole body of partners in this action, after urging Mr. WISE to increase the bail on the ground that defendant would sacrifice his friends and \$8,000 to escape the certain penalty of indisputable villainy, after ignoring the very plain hints of Mr. WISE, after abusing and trying to bully Mr. DENNIS, after jeeringly calling out in Court "Produce the missing money!"—after all this, Mr. FRANCIS puts on a smug smile and gently liars "I do not think the charge can be sustained, even with reference to the small balance still not accounted for on the face of the accounts." He never expressed regret for his own large and not too clean share in the mess. A lawyer who thinks he is doing right in taking such a baseless case as this one must either be very foolish or not troubled with any inconvenient scruples as to the prestige of his profession. We have our own opinion on the subject, and it is not favorable to Mr. FRANCIS, Q.C.

TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH DEFENT IN AFRICA. LONDON, March 22nd. News from Sierra Leone states that the British expedition to Timbo has been repulsed. Captain Robinson, of the *Englewood*, was killed, and twenty-three officers and men wounded.

THE QUEEN ABROAD. Her Majesty the Queen has started on a visit to Hydrabad.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

WE are informed by the Agents (Messrs. D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.) that the steamer *Japan*, from Calcutta, left Singapore yesterday for this port.

"THAT Doctor ain't no good." "Ain't he? You bet he is, though. Why, he gave our Jimmy medicine what made him so sick that he died."

THE Hongkong Volunteer Artillery drills are ordered:—Thursday, 24th instant, 5.30 p.m. gun drills; Friday, 25th instant, 9 p.m. gun drills at head-quarters.

AN Emergency Convocation of Victoria Chapter, No. 55, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

STRANGER—"And so you believe in Prof. Colridge's cure for drunkenness?" Red-nosed Enthusiast—"Believe in it! How can I help believing in it? I've been cured six times."

"ALL full inside?" queried a looker-in at the door of a London omnibus. "Can't say for the rest," responded Charles Lamb from one of the seats, "but that last piece of oyster pie did the business for me."

THE Canadian Pacific Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan* and the Austrian Lloyd's steamer *Bratislava* were towed over from Kowloon docks today. The Spanish cruiser *San Quinton* was docked at Kowloon this morning.

The latest victim of the whipping-post in Delaware chewed tobacco while the Sheriff was wielding the cat and left the post with a broad grin on his face. He claims that it was a great joke—they were whipping the wrong man.

Bereaved Wife (to nurse)—Do you think my husband will live till to-morrow? Nurse—I am afraid not, madam, and I would advise you to order a mourning dress at once. Wife (wincing her hands)—This is terrible!—How would it have it trimmed?

A FRENCH seaman, unemployed, staying at the Sailor's Home, departed from the usual custom of getting drunk, and remained sober enough to steal a jacket belonging to another inmate of the Home. He was brought before Mr. Widdowhouse to-day and sent to goal for three weeks.

THE debt of the subsidised rail-roads to the U. S. Government is over \$122,000,000, of which a large part is now maturing with no adequate provision for payment. Some policy for dealing with this matter, with a view to the ultimate collection of the debt, is exercising the mind of the Finance Minister.

MR. Widdowhouse to-day sentenced a Chinese hawkster to a fine of \$15 or a month's imprisonment for selling bundles of matches enclosed in a wrapper bearing a false trade mark, more popular than the one on the boxes inside each bundle. A Hongkong Chinese match-maker, proprietor of the pirated trade-mark, prosecuted.

COURT Tolet's wife, though living like a peasant with him, and devoted in other ways, doesn't think much of his peculiar doctrines, of which she was once quoted as saying: "All my husband's disciples are small, blonde, sickly and homely—all as like one another as a pair of old boots. I think they drift into idocy by following the Court's teachings."

THREE weeks ago the *China Mail* unearthed a yarn about a scuffling party being swallowed by a whale. The story was swallowed by the editor of a print called the *Yarmouth Morning Breeze*, or some such name, and reproduced in the Hongkong *Fish Wrapper*, as a warning to all seamen to forsake their evil ways and turn to religion. The *Daily Press* got hold of it, and after three weeks of hard work, has succeeded in selling it out and publishing it to-day. "Jobn Brown's story lies a mouldering in the grave, but its ghost is marching on!"

MADAME TATTI has honestly confessed that her latest hit has been her farewell tour, and congratulates herself on the fact that her voice is just as fresh as it was twenty years ago. "The signs of age," she says, "are not so much more than I used to be when I was younger," she said the other day, "but my voice never gets fatigued. The critics charge me with shikking the finales." It is utter nonsense. I have never more than once or twice pushed my voice to its fullest power. If I were to sing at my fullest strength at the Academy of Music or in the Chicago Auditorium, nothing else could be heard in the house. Patti also says sleep is the tonic for a prima donna's voice. Marie Koss says a well-regulated diet and the avoidance of pastry, pickles and wine will preserve the voice.

FOR some days past the talk of the local sporting world has been the widely advertised "set-to" between "Billy" Waters, the British Columbian champion, and "Jim" Brown, a pug, belonging to the U. S. cruiser *Lancaster*, which was to have eventuated in the ring of Woodyear's Circus last night, and confident that business was meant on both sides a very large audience assembled to witness the "mill." The fight, however, did not come off for the very good reason that Mr. Brown was not at home. He was anxiously sought for, but not to be found. Right here it is but fair to state that the management of the circus must be completely exonerated from all blame and if the audience returned some chastened at the show provided, the fault lies at the door of the invisible "Brown." Professor Valente, who acted as manager for the exhibition, spared neither pains nor expense to bring the business to a successful issue and only at the last moment did he know that the men would not meet; but in a few minutes he arranged, at a friendly hint between aspiring knockers-out. As upon a previous occasion the first part of the performance was taken up by legitimate circus business and the different items were most enthusiastically received. After the usual interval the "flag" was pegged out and Waters came forward and explained that as his opponent had not turned up, the contest of course, could not take place, but that he would box three friendly rounds with Joe Dobson, with whom he had sparred on the previous Saturday. The result was much the same as upon that occasion and although some science was displayed, the physical disparity between the men robbed the display of interest. Wybert and Leo also faced the lights in a three round "go," and caused some merriment, but the latter had things all his own way. The best work of the evening, however, was put in which "Thomas" and "Warren" donned the mittens. During the first round both men sparred cautiously to ascertain each other's ability. That accomplished, the second round resulted in some good rushes by Thomas, the lighter but more active man. In the third and last round Thomas put his man on his mettle from the outset and some heavy fighting was the result. Warren, feeling the worst of it, at the conclusion of the round was enthusiastically applauded, and the audience voluntarily contributed some \$50 as a mark of their appreciation. The evening was fairly successful in spite of the disappointment caused by Brown's absence, and the audience expressed its determination to box him on mainly if he could be found.

EDUARD Richter, the leader of the Liberal party of Germany, is said to have the most remarkable memory of any member of the Reichstag. He is able to commit long tables of figures to memory, and when Prince Bismarck was in power, often corrected him when he attempted to use figures in illustration of his speeches.

THE New York Times says that if some country trading in the life he sees in the same mood of amiable cynicism and sportive fun as Mr. Pincro shows in "The Cabinet Minister," he would make a fortune. We in Hongkong need just such clowns at this hour. The material is at hand in large quantities.

BEARDS were at various times taxed in England, and the Sheriff of Canterbury paid 3 shillings and 4 pence for wearing a beard. In the first year of Elizabeth's reign every beard of above a fortnight's growth was taxed, 3 shillings and 6 pence, but the law was too absurd to be enforced. Peter the Great imposed a tax of a rouble upon beards, but it was soon cancelled.

A TELLING calculation has recently been made by the first statistical authority in France. The Eiffel Tower weighs from 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 kilograms (the kilogram is 2 pounds 3.26 ounces). Reconstructed in silver, an Eiffel Tower would require two additional stories in order to represent the actual deposits of French people in the national savings banks.

THE monthly Share Settlements, due to-morrow, promise to increase the financial gloom which has surrounded this colony like a pall for so many months past. Some would-be high and mighty local speculators are already reported to have coolly repudiated their legitimate liabilities, and we are only waiting for reliable information to give these persons the full benefit of the widespread publicity in our power. And, singular to relate, "the honest and solvent community" of Shanghai foregoes inconsiderable portion of those "gone astray."

THE Band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry, will play the following programme in the square at Murray Barracks on Saturday next, the 26th March, commencing at 7.30 p.m.:

March.....	Waltz.....
Quadrille.....	Waltz.....
Waltz.....	Waltz.....
Scherzetto.....	Waltz.....
Lancers.....	Waltz.....
Waltz.....	Waltz.....
Scherzetto.....	Waltz.....
Quadrille.....	Waltz.....
Waltz.....	Waltz.....
Waltz.....	Waltz.....

THE managers of Woodyear's Circus have arranged for an international tug-of-war to be held in their pavilion at Bowington on Saturday night, for a big purse of money. Arrangements are being made (which we hope will succeed) to break the news to the Russian and other foreign crews in the harbor, who do not read English newspapers and would not otherwise know anything of the event; permission is to be asked for them to compete, and some very fine teams can be got up if the organizers will hustle a bit. Full particulars can be obtained from the managers, at the Victoria Hotel.

At the Magistrate's to-day Mr. Widdowhouse held an inquest on the body of the Indian gold washer, Kishin Singh, who shot himself on Tuesday night while on duty. It was stated incidentally that the brother of deceased on Monday night had a dream in which he learnt that one of his family was to die soon. (Professor Baldwin should try to secure this gentleman for his Mahatma business.) The deceased had been in the hospital recently, but at the time of his death it was not known that he had any trouble, physical, financial, or domestic. He was a very quiet and well-behaved man. A verdict of "death from a self-inflicted bullet wound" was returned.

MAX O'REILLY on American women.—The more I see of American women, the more confirmed I am in the opinion that the typical "recognizable anywhere. Her brilliancy in conversation, her animation of feature, her absence of affectation, her physical beauty and her mental loveliness, her piquetness of language and her frankness of expression, make her a type. I apologise for reading this description of the American woman's characteristics, but I wanted to get it all in. Your American woman is the woman par excellence, but she is to have a rival. We are Americans the French girl, but it is slow work.

TODAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.
Elm..... steamer, from Tonkin.
Haitong..... " " Haitong.
Aggregating 1,621 tons, register.

Outward.
Borneo..... steamer, for Amoy.
P. C. C. Kiao..... " " Swatow.
Wuhsan..... " " Saigon.
Canton..... " " Shanghai.
Lokang..... " " Swatow.
Haitong..... " " Saigon.
Aggregating 6,665 tons, register.

PROFESSOR SEAM (said a practical dentist recently) to wonder why it is that dentists use gold for stopping teeth, and are inclined to believe that it is because they wish to run up the bills. As is well known, silver would resist the acids found in the mouth quite as well, and I have been asked at least twenty times why I did not use silver. If those who are so anxious to ask questions on the subject would only study anatomy they would find that the reason that we employ only gold is that it is the only metal that will weld white gold. Silver will not do so nor will anything else. The cohesive properties of perfectly smooth and clear gold are astonishing. If you take a sheet of gold-foil and let it fall upon another, both will so firmly joined that it will be impossible to separate them. It is this property that makes gold valuable to dentists, and not the desire to increase bills.

HUMPHREYS LAND AND ESTATE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in this Company was held to-day. Mr. J. D. Humphreys, managing director, presided, and there were also present Messrs. Manell, Jupp, Nobbs, Clement, H. Humphreys, Sutton, and Scott.

The Chairman said that as the report and accounts had been in their hands for some days he would take them as read. He would be glad to answer any questions, and would reserve his own remarks until afterwards.

There being no questions, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. Manell seconded the motion, which was carried.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sutton, Mr. V. A. C. Hawkins was re-elected auditor, and his appointment for last year was approved.

The business having been concluded, the Chairman said—Gentlemen, as you are aware, the Company has been reconstituted under a new Memorandum and Articles of Association, with a view to conducting business in a more satisfactory manner as to what we have done in the past, and to enable us to increase the earning power of the Company. This puts the Company in a very satisfactory position, and

Commercial.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—135 per cent. prem. sales and sellers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £50.00 paid up, 204 per cent. dls. sellers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$200 per share, sales.
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—\$87 per share, buyers.
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$200 per share, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2 1/2 per cent. premium, sales.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1885 E—14 per cent. premium.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$89 per share, sellers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$67 per share, buyers.
 North China Insurance—Tia. 255 per share, sellers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$102 per share, sellers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—\$104, nominal.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tia. 150 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$282 per share, ex. div. sellers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$84 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$34 per share, sellers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—30 per share, sellers.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—27 1/2 per cent. discount, sales and sellers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$37 per share, sellers.
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$78 per cent. premium sales and sellers.
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sales.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$50 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$50.
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$8 per share, buyers.
 The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited—nominal.
 The Shamen Hotel Co., Limited—\$10, sellers.
 Puijion and Sunghie Doo Samantian Mining Co.—\$1 per share, sales and sellers.
 The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—50 cents per share, sellers.
 Imuris Mining Co., Limited—\$7 per share, buyers.
 The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, nominal.
 Tonghai Coal Mining Co.—\$290 per share, buyers.
 The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$50 per share, buyers.
 The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—20 cents per share, sales and buyers.
 London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$3, sellers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$130 per share, sellers.
 Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$45 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$18 per share, buyers.
 Cruickshank & Co., Limited—\$7 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$57 per share, sales and buyers.
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sales and sellers.
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sales and sellers.
 The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$22 per share, sellers.
 The Labuk Planting Co., Limited—\$2 per share, sales.
 The China-Borneo Co., Limited—nominal.
 H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$35 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$53 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$105 per share, ex. div. sellers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$120 per share, nominal.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$72 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$10 per share, nominal.
 The Green Island Cement Co.—\$10 per share, sales and buyers.
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$44 per share, buyers.
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$50 per share, sellers.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 2/10 1/2
 Bank Bills, on demand 2/10 1/2
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/10 1/2
 Credits at 4 months' sight 2/10 1/2
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/11
ON PARIS.—
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/58
 Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/59
 On India, T. T. 220
 On Demand 220 1/2
ON SHANGHAI.—
 Bank, T. T. 72
 Private, 30 days' sight 72 1/2

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

23rd March, 1892.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Bar.	Therm.	Humid.	Wind.	Cloud.
Wanchow	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Hankow	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Shanghai	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Amoy	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Swatow	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Hongkong	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Canton	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Macao	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Shanghai	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Amoy	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Swatow	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Hongkong	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Canton	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Macao	30.0	78	85	SE	100

24th March, 1892.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Bar.	Therm.	Humid.	Wind.	Cloud.
Wanchow	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Hankow	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Shanghai	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Amoy	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Swatow	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Hongkong	30.0	78	85	SE	100
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Hongkong	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Canton	30.0	78	85	SE	100
Macao	30.0	78	85	SE	100

Barometer has risen considerably. Gradients steep for east-north-east winds. Weather overcast, cool and damp. (Issued at 10 a.m.)

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Malina*, with the English mail of the 26th ultimo, left Singapore on the 22nd instant at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 27th.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Yarra*, with the French mail of the 19th ultimo, left Saigon on the 21st instant at 5 p.m., and may be expected here about today.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Belgia*, with the American mail of the 1st instant, left Yokohama the 23rd at daylight, and may be expected here on or about the 28th.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The F. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Atella*, from Australia, left Port Darwin for this port on the 15th instant, calling at Timor, and may be expected here tomorrow.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Steamship Co.'s steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 11th instant for Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai and Hongkong.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Japan*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 23rd instant, and may be expected here on the 30th.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Veneta* left Bombay on the 8th instant, and may be expected here today.

The D. D. R. steamer *Hesperia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore on the 20th instant, and is due here on the 27th.

The steamer *Glenisk*, from London, left Singapore on the evening of the 22nd instant, and is due here on the 27th.

The Australian Lloyd's S. N. Co.'s steamer *Thida*, from Trieste, left Singapore on the 23rd instant at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on the 29th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Aden* left Bombay on the 15th instant, and may be expected here on the 30th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Malacca* left London on the 2nd instant.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

ELSE, German steamer, 747, M. Jensen, 23rd March, 24th instant, from Hamburg, 24th March, 24th instant, from Hamburg.

HAIPHONG, French steamer, 374, Fauran, 24th March, 24th instant, from Haiphong, 24th March, 24th instant, from Haiphong.

STORK NORDBISKE, Danish telegraph steamer, 556, Sorenson, 24th March, 24th instant, from Copenhagen, 24th March, 24th instant, from Copenhagen.

FORPHEE, British steamer, 1770, Commander John Leslie Burr, 24th March, 24th instant, from Hongkong, 24th March, 24th instant, from Hongkong.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Phra Chula Chom Kiao, British steamer, for Swatow, 24th March, 24th instant, for Swatow.

Wuotai, German steamer, for Saigon, Canton, British steamer, for Shanghai, 24th March, 24th instant, for Shanghai.

Lokong, British steamer, for Swatow, 24th March, 24th instant, for Swatow.

Robieth, German steamer, for Saigon, 24th March, 24th instant, for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.

March 24, *Borneo*, Dutch steamer, for Amoy, 24th March, 24th instant, for Amoy.

March 24, *Diamond*, British steamer, for Amoy, 24th March, 24th instant, for Amoy.

March 24, *Stam*, British steamer, for Saigon, 24th March, 24th instant, for Saigon.

March 24, *Phra Chula Chom Kiao*, British steamer, for Swatow, 24th March, 24th instant, for Swatow.

March 24, *Memnon*, British steamer, for Kudat, 24th March, 24th instant, for Kudat.

March 24, *Hollin*, German steamer, for Saigon, 24th March, 24th instant, for Saigon.

March 24, *Lokong*, British steamer, for Swatow, 24th March, 24th instant, for Swatow.

March 24, *Canton*, British steamer, for Shanghai, 24th March, 24th instant, for Shanghai.

March 24, *Tarapaca*, British steamer, for Manila, 24th March, 24th instant, for Manila.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Elie*, str., from Tourane—12 Chinese.

Per *Haiphong*, str., from Haiphong—Messrs. Samuel, Portal, Vallat, Amock, and 24 Chinese. From Hongkong—8 Chinese.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Swatow—Per *Pakistan* to-morrow, the 25th instant, at 7.40 a.m.

For Shanghai and Newchwang—Per *Vorwarts* to-morrow, the 25th instant, at 7.40 a.m.

For Europe, &c., India via Bombay.—Per *Clyde* on Thursday, the 31st instant, at 11 a.m. For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—Per *Vernon* on Friday, the 31st April, at 11.30 a.m. For Europe, &c., &c.—Per *Sachsen* on Saturday, the 2nd April, at 2.00 p.m. For Yokohama & San Francisco.—Per *Belgia* on Tuesday, the 5th April, at 0.30 p.m. For Europe, &c., Australia, India, via Madras, Calcutta, and Mauritius.—Per *Natal* on Wednesday, the 6th April, at 11 a.m.

MAILS BY THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S PACKET.

The British contract packet *Empress of Japan* will be despatched on Tuesday, the 29th instant, with mails for Shanghai, Japan, Canada, United States of America, and countries beyond via Vancouver, B.C.

The following hours will be observed in closing the mails, &c.

11.15 a.m. Registry closes.

11.30 a.m. Post Office closes, but correspondence may be posted on board the packet with the late fee of 10 cents extra postage, until time of departure.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British contract packet *Clyde* will be despatched on Thursday, the 31st instant, with mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, via Brindisi, to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET.

The German contract packet *Sachsen* will be despatched on Saturday, the 2nd April, with mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, via Brindisi, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, &c.

Registry closes at 2 p.m. The mail closes at 2 p.m. late letters till 2.30 p.m. with 10 cents extra postage.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States mail packet *Belgia* will be despatched on Tuesday, the 31st April, with mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

0.15 p.m. Registry closes.

0.30 p.m. Post Office closes, but correspondence may be posted on board the packet with late fee of 10 cents extra postage until the time of departure.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG

STEAMERS.

DIAMANT, British steamer, 514, J. C. Gerard, 8th Feb., Manila 15th February, General.

BENALDER, British steamer, 2,265, C. K. McInnis, R.N.R., 21st March, Saigon 15th March, Rio de Janeiro, Gibb, Livingston & Co.

BERENICE, Austrian steamer, 1,740, P. Meras, 21st March, Saigon 15th March, Rio de Janeiro, Gibb, Livingston & Co.

CHRYAN, German steamer, 1,770, W. Wendt, 23rd March, Bangkok 14th March, Rio de Janeiro, Gibb, Livingston & Co.

DORIS, German steamer, 771, T. Ruben, 23rd March, Saigon 15th March, Rio de Janeiro, Gibb, Livingston & Co.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN, British steamer, 3,003, Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R., 7th March, Vancouver 14th Feb., and Yokohama 29th, General.

FAIR, British steamer, 179, Captain McIsaac, Hongkong Government-tender.

FORMOSA, British steamer, 674, T. Hall, 23rd March, Tamsui 20th March, Amoy 21st and Swatow 22nd, General—D. LaPrak & Co.

KUTANG, British str., 1,495, W. Hall Jackson, 23rd March, Calcutta 5th March, Penang 12th, and Singapore 16th, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LIBELLE, British steamer, 800, G. Grant, 23rd March, Saigon 15th March, General—Master.

MENTHUT, British steamer, 1,287, H. Craig, 23rd March, Kobe 18th March, General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

MONTANES, Spanish steamer, 222, Valentin Venes, 16th March, Manila 11th March, General—Order.

PAKSHAN, British steamer, 835, J. Jenkins, 22nd March, Saigon 15th March, "Rice"—Hop Hing Ho.

PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stepani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

ROMULUS, German steamer, 1,750, W. Bernd, 8th March, Nagasaki 4th March, Ballast—Stemmen & Co.

TRALEE, British steamer, 820, J. Lewis, 22nd March, Tamsui 20th March, Amoy 21st, and Swatow 22nd, General—D. LaPrak & Co.

TORRENTION, British steamer, 1,605, Geo. R. Berwick, 22nd Feb., and Hongkong, 24th March, 24th instant, from Hongkong, 24th March, 24th instant, from Hongkong.

TRUMP, German steamer, 674, J. Bruhn, 22nd March, Pakhoi 18th March, and H'kong 20th, General—Ed. Schellhaus & Co.

PROSPERITY, British steamer, 1,387, Farrand, 21st March, Saigon 16th March, "Rice"—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

VORWARTS, German steamer, 612, L. L. Moller, 17th March, H'kong 14th March, Wood—Wielor & Co.

WINGWANG, British steamer, 1,517, A. de St. Croix, Feb., Calcutta 1st Jan., Penang 8th Feb., and Singapore 12th, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

WUOTAN, German steamer, 1,016, A. Ott, 21st March, Saigon 14th March, "Rice"—Wielor & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

ALLONBY, British bark, 1,400, Fraser, 13th March, Cardiff 20th September, Coal—Order.

COLOMA, American bark, 870, C. M. Noyes, 2nd Jan., Portland, Oregon 31st Oct., Spars and Lumber—Order.

DARBY, British bark, 945, Brown, 20th Feb., Captain—Order.

DOROTHY, British bark, 310, Angus Crook, 21st Feb., Calcutta 31st January, Timber—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

ERLEKIND, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examining-hulk, Stonecutters Island—Chinese Customs.

GOV. ROBE, American ship, 1,627, A. Nichols, 20th Nov., New York 7th July, Kerosine Oil—Order.

IMACOS, Norwegian bark, 577, L. Olsen, 9th March, Singapore 21st January, Timber—Chinese.

JENNIE HARRISON, American bark, 1,405, F. W. Ambery, 17th March, New York 11th Sept., Kerosine Oil—Gillman & Co.

J. WILBY, German bark, 240, G. Schnieders, 17th March, Jalut Marina Islands via 3rd Feb., General—Stemmen & Co.

JOSEPH, American ship, 1,450, Smithwick, 21st Jan., New York 14th August, Kerosine Oil—Order.

PADA, German bark, 745, P. W. Thoms, 19th Feb., Hamburg 19th Sept., General—Stemmen & Co.

WM. H. BERRY, American ship, 1,208, R. B. Brown, 16th March, New York 10th Oct., Kerosine Oil—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Veneta	Bombay	Mar. 24th	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Yarra	Marcellas	Mar. 24th	Messageries Maritimes
Thorndale	Singapore	Mar. 24th	Dodwell, Carilli & Co.
Airline	Port Darwin	Mar. 25th	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Hesperia	Hamburg	Mar. 27th	Stemmen & Co.
London	London	Mar. 27th	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Glenesk	Singapore	Mar. 28th	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Thibet	Trieste	Mar. 28th	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Belgia	San Francisco	Mar. 28th	O. & O. S. S. Co.
Japan	Calcutta	Mar. 29th	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Aden	Bombay	April 3rd	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Blatano	Bombay	April 5th	Crawford & Co.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.
London, &c. via Suez Canal	Clyde.....	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Marcellas, via Saigon, &c.	Natal.....	Messageries Maritimes
Bremen and Ports of Call.	Sachsen.....	Melchers & Co.
Havre, London, &c.	Carmarthenshire.....	Dodwell, Cailli & Co.
San Francisco, via Y'hama	City of Peking.....	P. M. S. S. Co.
San Francisco, via Y'hama	Belgia.....	O. & O. S. S. Co.
Vancouver, B.C., via S. & C.	Romulus.....	Melchers & Co.
Sydney, Melbourne, &c.	Memmut.....	Canadian Pacific R. Co.
Calcutta, via Straits	Kutang.....	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Straits & Bombay, &c.	Berenice.....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Straits and Bombay, &c.	Brindisi.....	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Singapore, Havre &c.	Elecia.....	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Kongah, Nag, &c.	Verona.....	Dodwell & Co.
Cochin, via Cape, &c.	Thorndale.....	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Bombay, Calcutta, &c.	Thalaba.....	Dodwell, Cailli & Co.
Bombay, Calcutta, &c.	Formosa.....	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Amoy and Tamsui		Douglas Laiprak & Co.